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FOR: METHOD OF SUPPRESSING IMMUNE RESPONSES BY REDUCING  
INTRACELLULAR CONTENT OF GLUTATHIONE IN MACROPHAGES AND  
MONOCYTES

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Responsive to the Official Action dated May 23, 2001, Applicants respectfully  
request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following  
amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

--1. (Twice Amended) A method of treating cachectic condition caused by cancers,  
diabetes, gastrointestinal inflammatory diseases, chronic rheumatoid arthritis, hepatitis,  
hepatic cirrhosis, hypersensitive interstitial pneumonia, pulmonary fibrosis or autoimmune  
inflammatory diseases, comprising administering to a patient in need thereof an effective  
amount of a composition comprising a substance, wherein said substance (a) reduces the  
content of reductive glutathione in macrophages in said patient, (b) suppresses cellular